

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 4 and 18 are pending in the instant application.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendments to the claims filed on October 8, 2009 have been fully considered. The 35 USC 112 1st paragraph rejection has been obviated and is thus hereby withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Pereira on October 22, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claim 3.

Claim 18. Line 1, replace "medicine containing" with "pharmaceutical composition comprising"; line 2, replace "and wherein the medicine" with "which".

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claimed crystalline form of

Sodium trans-4-[1-[2,5-dichloro-4-[(1-methyl-1H-3-indolylcarbonyl)amino]phenylacetyl]-(4S)-methoxy(2S)-pyrrolidinylmethoxy]cyclohexanecarboxylate pentahydrate

is novel and non-obvious over the prior art. The closest reference (eg. US 20070105935) neither anticipates nor makes obvious the instant invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusions

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUN JAE Y. LOEWE whose telephone number is (571)272-9074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00 Est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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